HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, May 30, 1973

The House met at 2 p.m.

[English]

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USE OF UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. As hon. members know or suspect, there is a procedural question relating to the use of unparliamentary language in the House which is uppermost in my mind and has been for the last 48 hours. I did mention yesterday that there were other procedural aspects which I thought the Chair owed it to hon. members to have the House leaders consider for possible referral to the committee on procedure. Unfortunately, this aspect of the matter has not yet been cleared up, so I think I will have to suffer another 24 hours before I seek to bring the matter before the House with, I hope, the cooperation of every hon. member at that time.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

HEALTH, WELFARE AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Third report of Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs—Mr. Railton.

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

TABLING OF LETTER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER OF ZAMBIA ON DEATHS OF CHRISTINE SINCLAIR AND MARION DRIJBERG

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, as I said yesterday, I wish to table in both official languages the text of a letter dated May 28 addressed to me by the foreign minister of Zambia on the subject of the recent tragic deaths of Miss Sinclair and Miss Drijberg.

ENERGY

NUMBER OF BARRELS OF GASOLINE EXPORTED PER DAY—CORRECTION OF FIGURE BY MINISTER

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. In the debate on Monday last, when discussing shipments of motor gasoline in April from Canada, I conveyed to the House figures from the National Energy Board putting the barrels a day rate for such shipments at under 10,000 barrels a day. The board has informed me that late on the day of the debate notification of an additional shipment from the Atlantic provinces was received which puts the April rate at the rate of 17,000 barrels a day, which is over the previous figure and over the figure for March. I wanted to correct the record in that respect.

THE ROYAL FAMILY

ENGAGEMENT OF PRINCESS ANNE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise to move a motion of importance under Standing Order 43. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie):

That this House expresses its congratulations and best wishes to Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne, on the occasion of the announcement of her engagement to Lieutenant Mark Phillips, and that Mr. Speaker be requested to kindly convey this message on behalf of the Canadian House of Commons to Her Royal Highness.

• (1410)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Leeds. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity and the motion cannot be put.

Mr. Diefenbaker: On the government side.

AIR CANADA

POSSIBLE STRIKE BY MACHINISTS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Peter C. Bawden (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, I rise to propose a motion under Standing Order 43 on a